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What is claimed is:

- A system for transferring a service request between a client application and a motion control system using a communications network, comprising:
 - a client build module for building a service request envelope for containing the service request, where the service request is associated with a service performed by the motion control system, and
 - the service request envelope may be transmitted across the communications network;
 - a service request format module for extracting the service request from the service request envelope and transmitting the service request to the motion control system.